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PORTABLE APPARATUS

AND REMOTE CONTROL

SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23, with:

However, management of the remote control unit is complicated by the fact that a separate remote control unit is associated with each electronic apparatus.